

Washington State Dahlia Society

April Meeting Plans: Monday, April 21st, 7:00PM – Fircrest Community Center – 555 Contra Costa, Fircrest

We have many fun things planned for the April meeting! We will have another of our members sharing life stories. This month we will hear from Ken Fender! Ken has been coming to our meetings for years and it will be so much fun to find out where Ken is from and how he came to enjoy growing dahlias. By the way, last month we heard all about Noni Morrison and if you missed it, you missed a great story and life lived! Thanks Noni! I can hardly wait to get all the info from Ken too!!

Next up, we have a panel on fertilizer! Holy moly, this is getting good! Our panel is made up of: Richard Zimmerman, John Ensminger, and Noni Morrison. Each of these folks have completely different growing conditions. That is exactly why we all need to hear how other people do their fertilizer so we can figure out the best way for us to approach this important step in growing dahlias. If you are short on memory (like me), be sure to bring a notepad and a pencil so you can write down all the ingredients in all the different growing “potions” that these growers use. Thanks to all of our panel members!!

To top off the evening, it is time for our annual tuber auction! We will have quite a few high quality varieties that you may want to bid on! There will be a few Hollyhill, NTAC and Narrows varieties. If you have some extra tubers, please bring them and we will auction those too! New introductions are very popular and also some of our old favorites that are hard to keep. Bring a few and buy a few.... Get involved!!

Somehow we managed to lose the clip board going around the room for refreshments! We will need to send one around at this meeting and be sure not to lose it! But we need refreshments for this April meeting so----- Cookies!! Just bring a dozen of your favorites!! They can be homemade OR store bought!! Just a few dozen should get us taken care of April. Thanks!!!

A note from Lynn Sperring – Tuber Sales Chairman

I want to thank Greg Smith for helping with the set up of the Spring Fair. He made it much easier and a lot more fun as well as Don Filand for loaning his beautiful picture of the Trial garden and Bob Schroeder for his demonstration table. They added much to the booth.

I also want to thank those who graciously donated their time to come down to the fair and work the booth. Vivian, Art and Barb Wuerth, Starr Elliot, Jerry and Glenda, Greg Smith, Ken

and Marilyn Walton and Bob and Terry Schroeder. Without these wonderful people helping it would have been insane for sure! (Our thoughts were with Les knowing he was struggling with health issues.) The fair was a great success due to their help.

It is sad to note that the building that burned at the end of the fair was the location where they show the blooms during the fall fair. I believe they will be having them in a temporary tent this year as they clean up the mess and rebuild.

We do have a couple more sales this season, so if you find you need some more tubers, please come to the Master Gardeners Sale the weekend of May 3-4, on West Pioneer at the WSU research center as well as in Seattle at the Center for Urban Horticulture the same weekend. We will also be having an

"End of Season" sale May 10, here at the Fircrest Community Center.

Lynnie

Note from Secretary - THANKS so much to Lynnie and Lonnie for all they do to make our tuber sales such a success!! If you have more tubers to donate, please bring them to the meeting!!

UPDATE: Les has left the hospital and is resting at home. Thanks to all for the many emails and phone calls. Get well, Les!!

Lee and Noel Wells are moving to Texas. They have about 150 rebar stakes that Lee is offering FREE! You can contact him at: 253-301-4736. Good luck to the Wells on their new adventure!!



Pam Howden – Possibly available at the Tuber Auction on April 21st – 7:00 PM!! See you there.... Remember... COOKIES!! 😊